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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, VS
SUBJECT: RUMORED SEA TRIP BY PRESIDENT THIEU

1. WE WERE TOLD THIS MORNING APRIL 20 BY THE MFA (KY) THAT AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT (ALSO CARRIED BY VOA) ATTRIBUTED TO " OFFICIAL SOURCES" THAT THIEU WILL VISIT CANBERRA, MANILA, BANGKOK, KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND IN MAY IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACCURATE. THIEU HAS MADE NO PLANS FOR A SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRIP, AND NO SOUTHEAST ASIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPRAOCHED CONCERNING A POSSIBLE VISIT.

2. PRESIDENT THIEU' S OFFICE IS VERY UNHAPPY AT AFP AND AP PRESS REPORTS QUOTING THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF ACTING AUSTRAILIAN PRIME MINISTER LANCE BARNARD TO THE EFFECT THAT THIEU WOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN AUSTRALIA AND WAS PLANNING THE VISIT TO ASK FOR ECONOMIC AID. THE GVN IS STARTLED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERN-MENT WOULD MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT ON THE BASIS OF A NEWSPAPER REPORT ONLY AND HAS ASKED ITS CHARGE IN CANBERRA TO MAKE
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REPRESENTATIONS.

3. KY TOLD US THAT THERE IS A PLAN IN GESTATION FOR THIEU TO PAY A VISIT TO THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THANKING THOSE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN FIGHTING THE WAR. HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WERE VERY GREAT, THE GVN WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE CHANGED ATTITUDES THE NEW GOVERNMENTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES NOW TAKE TOWARD VIETNAM AND THAT IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD THINK OF PAYING A VISIT TO THEM AT THIS TIME.
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